

Winter Wheat Seedings

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Planted Acres Down 14 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2010 is expected to total 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 27.8 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.92 million; and White Winter, 3.33 million.

**Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2008-2010
(Domestic Units)**

Item	Crop Year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	46,307	43,311	37,097	86

**Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2008-2010
(Metric Units)**

Item	Crop Year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	18,739,980	17,527,530	15,012,780	86

Winter Wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the 5-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most States. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

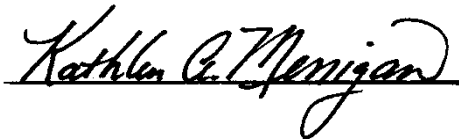
Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 27.8 million acres, down 12 percent from 2009. Poor weather, low prices, and the late row crop harvest contributed to the decrease. Acreage is expected to be below last year's level in most States in the HRW growing area, with a record low in Nebraska. The largest acreage decreases are in Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Winter wheat seeded in Kansas is down 700,000 acres, 8 percent below 2009 and the lowest planted acres since 1957. Montana is down 550,000 acres, 22 percent below 2009 and the third largest decrease on record. Winter wheat in Oklahoma is expected to be down 500,000 acres, the lowest acreage since 1971. Acreage in Texas is down 1.00 million acres, the fourth largest decrease on record and lowest planted area since 1973.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 5.92 million acres, down 29 percent from last year. Large acreage decreases from last year occurred in all SRW growing States due to the late row crop harvest, heavy rains, and wet soil conditions. Record low acreages are expected in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio. The largest acreage decreases are in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio. Winter wheat in Arkansas is down 230,000 acres, 53 percent below 2009. Illinois is down 500,000 acres, 59 percent below last year. Acreage seeded in Missouri is down 360,000 acres, a 46 percent drop from 2009. Ohio is down 210,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2009.

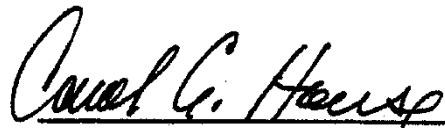
White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.33 million acres, down 1 percent from 2009. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is up from last year. Winter wheat planted area is up 40,000 acres from 2009 in Idaho, up 50,000 in Oregon, and unchanged in Washington. Seeding began ahead of normal in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. By November 8, virtually all fields had been seeded in the region with 90 percent of the acreage emerged in Washington, 81 percent in Idaho, and 67 percent in Oregon.

Durum Wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2010 harvest are estimated at 205,000 acres, down 33 percent from the 2009 level. Planted acreage is down 35,000 in Arizona and down 65,000 in California. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 2008-2010

State	Crop Year			2010 as Pct. of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	240	220	180	82
AZ	9	7	7	100
AR	1,070	430	200	47
CA	680	590	505	86
CO	2,150	2,600	2,400	92
DE	80	70	55	79
FL	25	17	16	94
GA	480	340	200	59
ID	850	740	780	105
IL	1,200	850	350	41
IN	580	470	300	64
IA	40	28	15	54
KS	9,600	9,300	8,600	92
KY	580	510	450	88
LA	400	185	140	76
MD	255	230	210	91
MI	730	620	500	81
MN	75	55	70	127
MS	520	180	120	67
MO	1,250	780	420	54
MT	2,600	2,550	2,000	78
NE	1,750	1,700	1,500	88
NV	12	16	10	63
NJ	35	34	27	79
NM	430	450	480	107
NY	130	115	110	96
NC	820	700	600	86
ND	630	580	340	59
OH	1,120	1,010	800	79
OK	5,600	5,700	5,200	91
OR	780	760	810	107
PA	195	190	170	89
SC	220	165	150	91
SD	2,050	1,700	1,250	74
TN	620	430	290	67
TX	5,800	6,400	5,400	84
UT	130	140	130	93
VA	310	250	200	80
WA	1,750	1,700	1,700	100
WV	11	9	7	78
WI	350	335	250	75
WY	150	155	155	100
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AZ	150	125	90	72
CA	160	180	115	64
ID	10	20		
MT	590	570		
ND	1,800	1,650		
SD	11	9		
US	2,721	2,554		

¹ Indicated 2010 area seeded for all six States will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 2010.

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